

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
WESTERN DIVISION**

JAMES E. WATKINS)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	No. 20-00180-CV-W-DPR-SSA
)	
ANDREW SAUL,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

ORDER

Before the Court is Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney Fees. (Doc. 20.) Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412, Plaintiff requests an award of attorney fees in the amount of \$8,500.00 and court costs in the amount of \$400.00. Defendant has responded, stating the parties have agreed to an award of fees in the amount of \$7,000.00. (Doc. 24.) Upon review, the Court finds that Plaintiff is entitled to an award of attorney fees under the EAJA, and the agreed amount is reasonable. Also, per Plaintiff's Affidavit (doc. 20-2), the award may be made payable to Roger M. Driskill. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that

1. The Motion for Attorney Fees is **GRANTED** per the parties' agreement;
2. An award of attorney fees in the amount of \$7,000.00 shall be paid by the Social Security Administration, subject to offset to satisfy any pre-existing debt Plaintiff may owe to the United States; and
3. Reimbursement in the amount of \$400.00 for the filing fee of this action shall be paid from the Judgment Fund administered by the United States Treasury.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ David P. Rush
DAVID P. RUSH
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

DATE: January 14, 2021